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JR., on behalf of themselves, the general
public, and all others similarly situated,

CASE NO. 3:06-cv-01657-HA

SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE JOINT STIPULATION OF SETTLEMENT OF CLASS ACTION AND RELEASE

Plaintiffs,

v.

MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH, INCORPORATED, a corporation,

Defendants.

This Second Amendment to the Joint Stipulation of Settlement of Class Action and Release ("Amendment") is entered into between Plaintiffs David Bachrach ("Bachrach"), Edward France ("France"), Peter Garrison ("Garrison"), James C. Howell ("Howell"), Burkhard Spring ("Spring"), Henry V.M. Multala ("Multala"), Winsome P. Carter ("Carter"), Andrea Loughlin ("Loughlin"), Jeffrey Kemp ("Kemp"), Anthony Palumbo ("Palumbo"), Mary O'Reilly ("O'Reilly"), Jeffrey Poole ("Poole"), Edward C.

Reinhart ("Reinhart"), Robert Traitz ("Traitz") Richard J. Testa, Jr. ("Testa") and Michael Wendling ("Wendling") (collectively, "the Settling Named Plaintiffs" or "Class Representatives"), individually and as class representatives on behalf of the "Settlement Class" defined in Section V, Paragraph 1.2 of the Joint Stipulation of Settlement of Class Action and Release ("Agreement"), on the one hand, and Defendant Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated ("Merrill Lynch"), on the other hand. The settlement class and Merrill Lynch will be referred to collectively as the "Settling Parties."

WHEREAS, the Settling Parties wish to amend the Agreement as provided below:

NOW, THEREFORE, the undersigned attorneys of record, Dostart Clapp Gordon & Coveney, LLP and Munger, Tolles & Olson LLP, who are duly authorized to enter into this Amendment on behalf of the Class Representatives (for themselves and the Settlement Class Members) and Merrill Lynch, respectively, hereby agree as follows:

- 1. Section V, paragraph 1.5 of the Agreement is amended as follows:
 - 1.5 "Class Period" means the following applicable periods: (a) with respect to Financial Advisors who worked in any portion of the United States (but excluding California), Washington, D.C., and Puerto Rico other than the States of Massachusetts, New York, New Jersey, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Texas and Washington (except those Persons, if any, who have already opted into collective action lawsuits in the Other Pending Actions and for whom special provisions will account for their arguably longer claim periods), the period that runs from the date which is three years prior to the

date on which preliminary approval is given for the settlement in the Consolidated Action through December 31, 2007; (b) with respect to Financial Advisors who worked in Massachusetts, and only for those work months they worked in Massachusetts, September, 24, 2001, through December 31, 2007; (c) with respect to Financial Advisors who worked in New York, and for only those work months they worked in New York, May 5, 2000, through December 31, 2007; (d) with respect to Financial Advisors who worked in New Jersey, and for only those work months they worked in New Jersey, June 20, 2000, through December 31, 2007; (e) with respect to Financial Advisors who worked in Oregon, and for only those work months they worked in Oregon, November 16, 2001, through December 31, 2007; (f) with respect to Financial Advisors who worked in Pennsylvania, and for only those work months they worked in Pennsylvania, February 22, 2003, through December 31, 2007; (g) with respect to Financial Advisors who worked in Texas, and only for those work months they worked in Texas, October 26, 2002, through December 31, 2007; and (h) with respect to Financial Advisors who worked in Washington, and for only those work months they worked in Washington, May 9, 2003, through December 31, 2007.

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Nothing in this Second Amendment shall affect the Maximum Settlement
 Amount or the Net Settlement Consideration set forth in the original Joint Stipulation of
 Settlement of Class Action and Release filed with and preliminarily approved by this Court.

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